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State Auditor Susan Montee  
Room 121, State Capitol  
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**HAND DELIVERY**

Dear Auditor Montee:

I am writing to ask you to use your authority to audit the use of state vehicles for personal and political activities by the Office of the Attorney General and to provide me information that will allow me to authenticate the reimbursement submitted to my office by the Nixon for Governor Campaign.

First, on October 26, then on October 30, and again on November 27, my office requested from the Attorney General and the Nixon for Governor Campaign, dates, mileage and backup data regarding use of state vehicles. In response, on November 28 I received a one page summary that is merely an estimate for Nixon's political use of his state car between November 2004 and June 2006. It includes neither mileage logs nor backup data for that twenty month period.

The Attorney General admitted using state vehicles for personal and political purposes for three years, while conceding that he did not reveal this fact to your office for your audit of the July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2006 time period. Even with that admission, your office refused to audit this issue.

On these facts, it is obvious that further investigation and action by your office is essential. As you know, section 29.250 RSMo, requires the state auditor to report to the prosecuting attorney any instance where a state officer "shall refuse to submit their books, papers and concerns to the inspection of the state auditor." Violation of this disclosure requirement is a misdemeanor.

I, of course, will continue to fulfill my obligation to authenticate the reimbursement. To that end, I ask you to provide me the names of the staff members in the Attorney General's office who misled your predecessor as State Auditor. With that information, I will continue to investigate why I have not received all the information that must exist.

I believe you and I share an obligation to the taxpayers to ensure they are fully reimbursed for private and political use of state vehicles. I respectfully ask you to help me do that by investigating what looks like an effort to pull the wool over both our eyes.

I would appreciate your response by December 11.

Sincerely,

Michael N. Keathley  
Commissioner